- * Social Mobilization activities are being intensified by involving the local influencers, community and religious leaders to improve community participation and acceptance of polio vaccine.
- * The ASHA workers are also now being fully involved in Pulse Polio Immunization especially in tracking of newborn and missed children and vaccinating them during the monthly Health day.
- (c) No such instance has come to the notice of the Central Government.

Polio in Maharashtra

- 1891. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that some polio infected patients were found in Maharashtra State in the current year;
- (b) if so, the details of polio infected children, State-wise during the year 2005-06;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the present advertisement campaign of polio eradication is groslly inadequate and ineffective.
 - (d) if so, what new steps his Ministry proposes to take in this regard; and
- (e) what immediate action Government had taken or propose to take to eradicate polio virus?
- THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Four Virological positive polio cases have been detected in Maharashtra State in the current year.
- (b) Details of polio cases reported during 2005 and 2006 are at Statement (See below).
 - (c) to (e) No Sir. Following actions are being taken to eradicate polio virus.
 - * Conducted consistent high quality supplementary immunization rounds in January, February, April and May, June, July, September

- and November 06 and planned National immunization rounds in the month of January and February 2007.
- * Monovalent oral polio vaccine 1 (mOPV1) are being used in the high risk districts and States to enhance immunity so that the presently circulating P1 virus can be interrupted.
- * Since polio virus type 3 circulation is limited to few districts of Moradabad region, an immunization round using Monovalent Oral Polio Vccine 3 (mOPV3) is being taken up in 9 districts of Western Uttar Pradesh from 10 December 2006.
- * To Enhance the immunity of newborn, a special drive to vaccinate newborn with mOPV1 within 72 hours of birth have been initiated in selected high-risk blocks of Moradabad district.
- * Social Mobilization activities are being intensified by involving the local influencers, community and religious leaders to improve community participation and acceptance of polio vaccine.
- * State Political Leadership and Administration are continuously being updated on the identified gaps in the implementation of the Program, they in-turn are constantly monitoring the progress with the District Administration. The District Magistrates are taking corrective action through the District Task Force formed to accelerator the program implementation.
- * The ASHA workers are also now being fully involved in Pulse Polio Immunization especially in tracking of newborn and missed children and vaccinating them druing the monthly Health day.
- * I EC activities have been intensified in the affected States.

Statement

Polio cases for 2005 to 2006

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1	2	3	4
2.	A & N Islands	0	0
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0
4.	Assam	0	1
5.	Bihar	30	46
6.	Chandigarh	0	1
7.	Chhattisgarh	0	0
8.	D & N Haveli	0	0
9.	Daman & Diu	0	0
10.	Delhi	1	5
11.	Goa	0	0
12.	Gujarat	1	3
13.	Haryana	1	14
14.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0
16.	Jharkhand	2	1
17.	Karnataka	0	0
18.	Kerala	0	0
19.	Lakshadweep	0	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	0	3
21.	Maharashtra	0	4
22.	Manipur	0	0
23.	Meghalaya	0	0
24.	Mizoram	0	0
25.	Nagaland	0	0
26.	Orissa	0	0
27.	Pondicherry.	0	0
28.	Punjab	1	5

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1	2		3	4
29.	Rajasthan		0	0
30.	Sikkim		0	0
31.	Tamil Nadu		0	0
32.	Tripura		0	0
33.	Uttaranchal		1	13
34.	Uttar Pradesh		29	474
35.	West Bengal		0	1
	TOTAL		66	571

Identification of generic drugs

1892. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have lately evolved any scheme for making essential generic drugs for various diseases identified under the National Health Policy, including AIDS;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) the steps taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Danger due to coal washing

- †1893. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether there can be adverse effects on public health due to setting

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.